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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re Application of:** Ernest J. Hamilton

**Serial No.:** 10/003,500

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**For:** DICING SAW BLADE POSITIONING  
APPARATUS AND METHODS  
INDEPENDENT OF BLADE THICKNESS  
VIA CONSTRAINED BIASING  
ELEMENTS

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 3, 2004, and, further, in response to the Advisory Action dated December 1, 2004. The three-month shortened statutory period for response to the Final Office Action expired on December 3, 2004. Accordingly, this Amendment is being submitted with a petition for a one-month extension of time and the appropriate fee.

**Amendments to the claims** are set forth in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks** start at page 9 of this paper.